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In the Claims:

Please substitute the currently amended Claims as set forth below in a complete listing of the pending claims. Struckthrough language indicates a deletion, and underlined language indicates an addition. The amendments include no new matter and are fully supported in the application as filed.

- 1.(currently amended) A golf swing practice apparatus comprising:
- a playing surface for a golfer to thereon practice a swing;
 - a reflector positioned adjacent said playing surface, said reflector comprising a curved reflecting surface adapted for focusing a reflection of a golf ball so as to produce a real image of the golf ball appearing adjacent said playing surface, simulating a golf ball for a golfer to swing a golf club therethrough;
 - an axle supporting said reflector, and having a handle allowing a user rotate said axle to thereby tilt said reflector so as to move the image of the ball along an arc lying perpendicular to the playing surface; and
 - a golf ball associated with said reflector in an adjustable manner so as to thereby change the position of the produced image up and down relative to said playing surface.
- 2.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said curved reflecting surface further comprises a paraboloid reflecting surface.
- 3.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising a light source associated with said reflector so as to produce an illuminated image of said golf ball.

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6.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising a standing surface adjacent said playing surface for a golfer to stand thereon.

7.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising at least one sensor adjacent said playing surface, said at least one sensor responsive to movement of a golf club head along said playing surface.

8.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said playing surface further comprises an artificial surface cover.

9.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising surface indicia to guide a golfer in practicing a golf swing.

10.(currently amended) A golf swing practice apparatus comprising:
a playing surface for a golfer to thereon practice a swing;
a support for supporting said playing surface;
a reflector positioned adjacent said playing surface, said reflector comprising a curved reflecting surface adapted for focusing a reflection of a golf ball so as to produce ~~a real~~ an image of the golf ball appearing ~~adjacent~~ above said playing surface ~~for a golfer to swing a golf club therethrough;~~

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an axle having said reflector mounted thereon, and having a handle allowing a user rotate said axle to tilt said reflector so as to move the image of the ball along an arc lying perpendicular to the playing surface; and

a golf ball associated with said reflector in an adjustable manner mounted on an adjustable stem so that the ball may be moved closer to or farther away from said reflector so as to thereby change the position of the produced image relative to said reflector.

11.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 10, wherein said curved reflecting surface further comprises a paraboloid reflecting surface.

12.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 10, further comprising a light source associated with said reflector so as to produce an illuminated image of said golf ball.

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15.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 10, further comprising a standing surface adjacent said playing surface for a golfer to stand thereon.

16.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 10, further comprising at least one sensor adjacent said playing surface, said at least one sensor responsive to movement of a golf club head along said playing surface.

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cat 17.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 10, wherein said playing surface further comprises an artificial surface cover.

CI 18.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 10, further comprising surface indicia to guide a golfer in practicing a golf swing.

19.(currently amended) A golf swing practice apparatus comprising:
a playing surface for a golfer to thereon practice a swing, said playing surface having an opening therethrough;
a support for supporting said playing surface;
a reflector positioned in said support underlying said playing surface, said reflector comprising a curved reflecting surface adapted for focusing a reflection of a golf ball through the opening in said playing surface so as to produce a real an image of the golf ball appearing adjacent said playing surface approximately above the opening ~~for a golfer to swing a golf club therethrough;~~
a member adjustably positioned within said support and having said reflector mounted thereon, said member allowing a user to tilt said reflector so as to move the image of the ball along an arc above the playing surface; and
a golf ball associated with said reflector in an adjustable manner so as to thereby change the position of the produced image closer to or farther away from the reflector.

20.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 19, wherein said curved reflecting surface further comprises a paraboloid reflecting surface.

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21.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 19, further comprising a light source associated with said reflector so as to produce an illuminated image of said golf ball.

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24.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 19, further comprising a standing surface adjacent said playing surface for a golfer to stand thereon.

25.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 19, further comprising at least one sensor adjacent said playing surface, said at least one sensor responsive to movement of a golf club head along said playing surface.

26.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 19, wherein said playing surface further comprises an artificial surface cover.

27.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 19, further comprising surface indicia to guide a golfer in practicing a golf swing.

28.(currently amended) A golf swing practice apparatus comprising:
a playing surface for a golfer to thereon practice a swing, said playing surface having an opening therethrough;
a housing having an upper portion comprising said playing surface;

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a reflector positioned in said housing underlying the opening in said playing surface, said reflector comprising a curved reflecting surface adapted for focusing a reflection of a golf ball through the opening in said playing surface so as to produce a real image of the golf ball appearing approximately above the opening for a golfer to swing a golf club therethrough;

an axle supported within the housing in an adjustable manner, having said reflector mounted thereon, and having a handle allowing a user rotate said axle to thereby tilt said reflector so as to move the image of the ball along an arc lying perpendicular to the opening in the playing surface; and

a golf ball associated with said reflector in an adjustable manner so as to allow a user to move the image of the ball up or down relative to the opening in the playing surface thereby change the position of the produced image.

29.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 28, wherein said curved reflecting surface further comprises a paraboloid reflecting surface.

30.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 28, further comprising a light source associated with said reflector so as to produce an illuminated image of said golf ball.

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33.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 28, further comprising at least one sensor adjacent said playing surface, said at least one sensor responsive to movement of a golf club head along said playing surface.

34.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 28, wherein said playing surface further comprises an artificial surface cover.

35.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 28, further comprising surface indicia to guide a golfer in practicing a golf swing.

36.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 28, further comprising a standing surface adjacent said playing surface for a golfer to stand thereon.

37.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 28, wherein said housing further comprises a standing surface adjustably connected thereto for a golfer to stand thereon.

38.(original) The golf swing practice apparatus of Claim 28, wherein said housing further comprises at least one handle and at least one wheel to thereby allow rolling portability of the apparatus.

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